

Date

Mr. Michael Hughes
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20th Judicial District Court
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Re: Board Docket No. 2015-1231

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its February 19, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit West Feliciana Parish from entering into a servitude with MKV Homestead, LLC, while Parish Council Member Heather Howle's mother, Virginia Sheets Reid, owns 37 and one half percent of MKV Homestead, LLC. You provided that the Parish needs to repair a public bridge located on property owned by MKV Homestead, LLC. The project requires that the Parish negotiate a temporary servitude with the owner for a detour to be used during the repair of the bridge. You stated that there would be no monetary compensation paid to MKV Homestead, LLC. for use of the land, however, the Parish would like to leave the gravel or limestone used to create the detour and the old bridge timbers. On December 30, 2015 the Board received additional information Ms. Howle was not re-elected to serve on the West Feliciana Parish Council. Ms. Howle's service on the West Feliciana Parish Council terminated on January 10, 2016.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to advise you, that they have declined to render an advisory opinion due to the termination of Ms. Howle's service on the West Feliciana Parish Council as the issue is now moot.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board